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We've met before? Perchance we have. Who In mystic apace, where happy pirits straying an lathe in love, whose taintless river flows From founts elemal, where there's no repay-

For glints of joy by debts of doubled wors. We've met before!

I knew your voice, and something in me rose And went straight out to meet and greet you, saying "I've missed you long." Such welcome almost

We've met before! And now my life, which hitherto was prose, Seems cast where poet saints are gone a-May

ing.
For us each twin stemmed bud of thought that blows Expands beneath the truth that o'er it

The truth I feel in sleeping, waking, praying-We've met before!
-London Gentleman.

A SPINSTER.

She became a spinster 27 years ago. hus fate decreed it.

Young men had become afflicted with a passion for Caroline-wartime gal-lants, three decades back. But before tireir mouths had caught courage from the convictions of their silences, they had received her unspoken "No." Her proud bearing was part of nature's gift, and if in part it was a screen for her timidity, personal vanity, the mask was too deceptive, had Caroline but known it. Her lovers fell away e by one, from a fortress that only eetned invulnerable.

When this troop of cowards had yielded, there had stepped forward a man of courage, of broad mental compass, Though young, he had served his country-not alone passively, but actively, in battle, a private at first. He had fought bravely, and when graduated from the school of war had an ugly scar on his left arm to show for it. He was almost ashamed of it-so slight. The same bullet had killed a comrade near-He had ambitions noble, strong. He had a will of iron, energies unfaltering. He possessed, besides a fine physique, the him in his exploits. He was persistent in love as in elbowing his way forward

ne. She had often analyzed her feelings She approved his perseverence, and yet, when he demanded an answer, she had said "no". Later she had re-peated it—"No." Still he was obstinate. Then had come that farewell moment when he was about departing for broader fields to give his ambitions play.
"Answer me! Answer me finally!" he

mired his manner. He had given no in-dication of a lack of hope. She had hes-then placed them in the envelope. itated an instant. A denser film had overspread her eyes. And then, con-trolling her nerves, she had answered:

"Forever, Mr. Hadon, no!" Her eyes had looked into his an instant, and then upon the ground. The there together had been of brief mo-

The words were never spoken. That was the drawer to make sure.—Irving S. Unthe instant in which Caroline became a derbiff in Buffalo Illustrated,

done, she was half regretful. After all, cepting him was only a whim of her ed for her a certain fascination, butcept herself was unaccountable, her she had had in her infancy. dered as she beheld then, as clearly as 20 years previous, the aged hag lowering at tacles. How she had wondered if she appeared distorted in the distorted eyes

compared to the worries of the present moment to which her mind returned. Undoubtedly another man would love her exactly like him, except—Caroline had rested her elbows upon her knees, Her reverie had presently taken a more practical turn. How could she tell her father and mother that he had gone, gone forever: that neither they nor she sh see him again? She dared not give the real reason, the paltry objection that had offset his words of manliness.

Ten years ago Caroline found a white heir in the midst of that cascade of face, looked upward at it with a slight cast of the eyes and petulantly pulled it out. She was not old. Forty is not old The following day she discovered at other. It had root near the right temple. Yesterday's gray hair had been upon the left. If she must grow old a Providence at least intended that she should grow old symmetrically, in perswept the long wisps of black around in front of her, she discerned another. This nettled her. She carefully separated it d fingered it to its source at the tophist at the very top of her well shaped

she did so, "Weeds!" But she was now growing old. She would not have minded these tokens had ey been seasonable gifts from Father

time. But 40 is not old. The following day Caroline penned

letter to a distant apothecary.
"I have a friend whose hair is becom ng gray," she wrote. "Please send me the pen tilted a moment. She was writing for what in her younger days the had called "that horrid stuff." And tit was only a dye, and for a friend. She finished the epistle and posted i

through the mail addressed to Caroline. locked the door. She pondered. If she should use the dye, would she be the world pierce the deception at once? She sat there awhile pensively listless in

There was no danger now that sh

would ever use the dye. She perused the list of testimonials. "Mrs." was the It would be no disgrace to grow gray if she were married now. Surely not. Not so much of a disgrace if sh were a widow now. So she thought But an unmarried woman! A spinster She drew the cork from the bottle and poured the contents out of the window. With a penknife she scraped off the label. She put these scrapings, the testimonials, the wrappers and inner wrappers into her pocket. She would burn

Five years ago an oculist examined Caroline's eyes and told her she was near. of the Winds, as the old fellow was nesighted-a fact she had known for the sisting him to put on the most uncouth previous decade. He prescribed glasses, and uncomfortable array of flumels and she purchased them. She concealed and oilskins that anyone ever wore, them in that drawer of the bureau that was always kept locked, except when it depths of Niagara. certain valuables and keepsakes. When nobody was about, she would wear them, She was reluctant to do so, but they addand Thackeray and Hawthorne and Bal-

An unmarried woman, with no father, no mother, an income of a pittance, a single servant, was excusable for doing almost anything. So she wore them. She did not dare to look at herself closely She stood about 10 feet back, at which distance she noticed that her hair had an iron gray appearance. She gained courage awhile later, and examined herself in the hand glass. That iron gray shade was her optical illusion. There were black hairs and white hairs-a slight predominance of white. Rarely thereafter did she wear them when gazhead away when walking past it. Every time she put them on she did it with wry face. Once she cried and was about to throw them away, but restrained her-

last black hair from her snow white She did it with the same petulance with which 10 years before she one ray of light in the black darkplaced it by the side of this latter day curio, the black hair, the last remnant tion of her school friends. She wound

It which the placed them in the envelope.

It was the spirit of the gambler in his to a man moment of desperation with which she earned it. had done this. The world should know now that Caroline could grow old unflinchingly. She picked up a volume of "The Scarlet Letter," that was near at agony that they suffered on the porch hand, to steady the envelope while she

She had never called him by his given Now he is the statesman upon whos name, but, as he passed through the words depends the welfare of nations. have discovered that I loved him, but was prejudiced. He wore glasses"-She locked it in the bureau and tried

[Cleveland's Message.]
The exports of agricultural products from the United States for the fiscal He was handsome? Yes. He was Without a doubt? He possess-year ended June 30, 1892, attained the enormous figure of \$800,000,000, in portion. Of cattle the total exports agall kinds our total exports were \$28,-\$24,000,000. Of beef products the tatal exports were \$84,000,000, of which Great Britain took \$53,000,000. In bread-stuffs, cotton and minor products, like to this flood. proportions sent to the same destina-

The work of the statistic division of the Department of Agriculture deals with all that relates to the economies of farming. The main purpose of its monthly reports is to keep the farmers informed as fully as possible of all matters having any influence upon the world's markets in which their products find sale. Its publications relate especially to the commercial side of farming. It is therefore of profound importance and vital concern to the farm ers of the United States, who represent nearly one-half of our population. and also of direct interest to the whole country, that the work of this division be efficiently performed, and that the information gathered be promptly diftion to know that the Secretary will got spare any effort to make this part

of his work thoroughly useful,

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OF THE WINDS.

cinating Sight --- The Exquisite Interest in the Three Sisters.

[Boston Transcript.] "How many people have gone down into this place this year?" the Listengr asked of the grizzled guide at the Cave

'¡Ob, something over 6,000," said the guide; "you see, the World's Fair kind o' started a lot o' people on their ed to her comfort. And the newspapers travels, and they git here some how er ons you on and you lower your head, and 'nuther, but poor! Lord bless you, grip the railing harder than ever, and gae must be read, even at the expense of there's been men here that wanted plant your wet splashing feet down resin the mirror when she first put them on. ly yesterday I got a letter from a Bos. ed; but you reflect that beneath Niagacouldn't a got home no how if he'd a delight in the thought of it and press gin me that half a dollar when he was on. here; but, Lord bless you, he had to the sort of place they would choose to see the cave and had to raise the dol- die in. lar that the boss gets out on it, and he wa'n't the man to see us guides work ing into the mirror. She turned her an' struggle for the next to nothin' that we git out of it!"

The guides at Niagara who accompa ny visitors through the Cave of the Winds receive, it should be said, good daily wages from the State of New A few weeks ago Caroline plucked the York for the work, and the State collects a dollar from every visitor; but, though the days of wholesale plunder at Niagara are over, the tradition of backsheesh hangs around the cataract ness. She took from the bureau's secret still. The visitor who could resist such drawer a small envelope, and from this a hipt as this that a fee is expected must be a very bold person. It takes a bold person, by the way, to go through the Cave of the Winds on such a day as that on which the Listener visited it; but it is a different sort of boldness from that which is required to refuse a fee to a man who tells you that he has

It was on the 13th of November, and the wind was blowing strong from the westward. That possibly had the effect to hurl the waters of the American "—I am a spinster. John loved me selves, and so to turn the Cave of the your knees in order to get the woolens about baptism and the Lord's descript pensioners rob the pensioners. awake to the fee which he had so skill- without being able to lift either foot one another. The Salvation Army known frau-lulent passioners, and refully laid the foundation of. The Lis- without straining horribly on that round numbers, being 78.7 per cent. of and felt shoes, and a suit of oilskins And if you have managed to bring a rites of circumcision, shaving the head, our total exports. In the last fiscal with a hood, and sallied forth out of the surplus quarter back from the World's and other ceremonies never intended to year this aggregate was greatly re- little shanty on Goat Island, with the Fair, you bestow it on the guide in ad- he permanent. All it wants is to save duced, but nevertheless reached \$615,- guide, similarly accoutred, leading the dition to the State fee, and consider it men, and it holds that baptizing them is 000,000, being 75.1 per cent. of all way. Down the Biddle stairs a some cheap for that picturesquely beckoning not saving them. Just so the Lord's American commodities exported. A re- what rickety winding construction on arm of his. view of our agricultural exports, with the precipitous face of Goat Island, Such was the Cave of the Winds United Kingdom of Great Britain and then a considerable distance along a there made Terrapin Rock seem al-Ireland absorbs by far the largest pro- path at the foot of the cliff, with the most tame in comparison for a moment. gregated in value for the fiscal year your ears; then a wet and slippery rail- final experience in Niagara. And yet ended June 30, 1893, \$26,000,000, of ing about hand high on each side of it the exquisite beauty of the Three Siswhich Great Britain took considerably and suddenly a splash of spray. Then ters, with their tortuous rapids, fringed over \$25,000,000. Of beef products of you become conscious that the de- with hemlock trees, simulating moun-000,000, of which Great Britain took before you-a vast, swiftly discending, such a conflict with the lower demons somewhere in the beavens-and that

apparently you are about to plunge in-The guide, of whom you can see nothing as he turns except a conically pointed mountain of oilskin and the water pours in bucketfuls off the crazy, fascinating in the highest degrees. rock. As you look toward it, a vast many very severe cases. 50 cent bottles for sale by Z. Wayne Griffin & Bro., mass of water, beaten and churned into Hartford. a whitish color, dashes upward along the rock wall from underneath; it is the cataract in an inverted seuse the

She arose from her class and drew in a long breath. The applied the spark of self condemnation and shook at the ex-MIDWINTER VISIT TO THE CAVE your head. You grip the flimsy rail- Park Board will open a way for the or-

out with his grewsome right arm. An upward swirl of water goes up abbreviation that prefixed each signa- An Awful Yet Beautiful and Fas- both your arms clear to the shoulders. Such a movement is being talked about, A strong lateral gust of wind and water and may be put into execution. The together beats you in your face and al- first steps toward the formation of a another moment the wind is blowing in to be taken in a few days. the opposite direction and burling sheets of water against your back, but DEMONS OF THE FALLS, giving you a chance to fill your lungs. Sidewise, frontwise, from behind, from all around, come these wet gusts. You can no longer see the green wall of water at your left nor the dark wall of rock at your right-nothing but masses of water whipped into white spray all around you. The guide pauses with every little pause you make; he is never more than a step ahead of you, and you feel a vast amount of confidence in him -but why will be go on beekoning for ward in that ghostly way? You feel inclined to stop and rest a good while right where you are. The guide beckbad to give me a quarter, and they olutely upon the soggy little bridge was that strapped that they had to tell and shut your eyes against the pour, me that they'd send me a postal note and wish you could shut your ours after they got home, and I'm blest if against the roar, and press on. You they hain't all done it, too! Why, on. feel as if you were going to be engulfton man with a 50-cent postsi note in. ra is a magnificent, a noble place in side of it. That 'ere Boston man which to die. You feel a sort of wild If gods could die, this would be

> The guide beckons you on. The wa ter grows a little less tumultums, perhaps, and the winds not quite so flerce. You manage to get near to the guide's ear and shout out the question, "How much farther is it?" He tells you that you are really through the cave, but that you ought to go out and stand on the rocks beyond and look up at the cataract. You think of your saturated feet and arms, and of the flerce November wind outside, and make up your the Winds and back again is a sufficiently rough experience for one day, and tell him so. "Well, if you are satisfied," he screams. You assure him that with no guide to beekon you on, for he is behind you now. This makes the soul to save? return trip a little less awful. When It is an arm you get out upon the jath again you a church; but a very strange kind of a wicked imposition upon the kindly senturn just one giance toward the de- church. It is a cross between Method- timent in which pensions have their orscending ocean and scamper back unism and Quakerism. Like old Methodigin; every fraudulent pensioner has der the cliff. Waddle is, perhaps, the ism, it is religion on fire, or charged proper word; for about this time your with electricity; and like Quakerism, it in support of a pension has made perthe Listener's senses, overawed by the that vicinity like bands of iron and will the faith, in joining the Army, which triotic sentiment which the survivors of not let you take a fair step. Then the does the office of baptism in the early by its beauties, were not awake to this Biddle stairs are reached, and you have Church; and every meeting is scarcely the Union, ought to inspire. Thousfact; and as for the guide, he was chiefly Bunker Hill Monument to ascend with. less than a communion with Christ and ands of neighborhoods have their welltener took off his shoes and stockings band around your knee. Before you in answer to the question, "Does the and rolled his leg coveringsup above have made one-half the climb, you Army consider baptism a duty that his knees; he removed his coat and have dismissed all fear of taking cold, must be performed?" says: "Decidedly collar and necktie and rolled up his for you have a young Niagara of per- Nor!. The Army only considers one sleeves to the shoulder. Then he spiration pouring down your face. In baptism essential for salvation, and that donned the coarse woolens over every- the steaming cabin of the guides your is THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST." thing, and a pair of woolen stockings fears are still more completely allayed. It reckons baptism with the Jewish

awful roar of the cataract sounding in The Cave should be reserved for one's scending mass of Niagara Falls is right tain torrents, is certainly greater after fearfully rosring sea, coming from of the cataract. There are surely few places in the world where the sense of beauty and the sense of awe are so wrought upon at once as at the upper extremity of these Three Sister isles. All about one are shores of perfect loveliness-rocks covered with beantiprofile of a heavy grizzly mustache and ful trees, intensely green at all seasons; nose, beckons you forward with a se- little channels through which the waries of slow onward movements with ters of emerald rush and dance; near by his right hand, precisely like those the primeval forest of Goat Island, where with which the ghost in "Hamlet" fine old beeches stand immovably beckons to the awed Prince of Den- against the wind. But up the river mark. On! on! it is a steady, sweep- what a spectacle of awe! It is an acing movement of the arm, which seems gry sea, which seems to be coming out point to something away forward in of the clouds; for no land is visible be this gloom of descending waters. The yond it, and it is certainly descending roar is so terrific that you could not at a frightful rate. Try as you will hear the man if he shouted. Some tor- you cannot dismiss the impression that rents of water fall upon your head, and this water, which to you has no oppowet gusts strike first on one side and site shore, is a veritable sea. And bethen on the other. The man beckons low you roses and fosms the estaract ue and interest. On the 30th day of solemnly onward. Your feet and into which these floods are gathering ankles are drenched to the skin; the to pour. It is awful, yet beautiful and rolls 908,012 names, an increase of 89,-

ducts you from rock to rock. You look to the left, and see a great green wall of descending water, apparently not more than 10 feet away. To the night's time. This remedy is also a right is a dark, hollowed-out wall of

Pair Baildings Will Remain.

recoil of Niagara, the descending flood World's Fair buildings this year nor pensioned on account of disabilities or of the world would come at a certain hurled backward and upward by the next, nor probably for some years to death resulting from army and navy date. He put on his ascension robes, force of its own fall, and possibly as- come. The South Park Commissioners service. The number of persons re- climbed to the top of a straw stack and sisted by the impact of the western have agreed to take them off the hands maining on the rolls June 30, 1893, waited the crack of doom. Getting wind. The sight interests you and apof the Exposition Company, and allow who were pensioned under the act of
palls you; you pause to gaze at it, and them to stand, the latter to surrender
the next momenta great part of this inthem a clear and clean title to the
verted cataract, having climited up Commissioners; be released from their
the back wall of the cave as high sait liabilities, and pay over to the ComThe number added to the rolls during
who were pensioned under the act of
covered the man and touched a lighted
match to the straw and awoke him.
Gazing around at the flames on every
side he cried out: "In h—1, just as I

ing for dear life; the guide beckons on! ganization of a Chicago company to conduct an exposition in the buildings for two or three years at the least most takes away your breath, but in new exposition company are expected

When a Revival Is Needed

When nobody is helped by going to prayer meeting. When the pastor has to

to each other on the street

praying and singing When there is trouble in the choir. When leading members will not speak

When wheel horses stand up and declare that there is no joy in their relig-

When there are unconverted teach ers in the Sabbath school, When the pastor has to look at the

opens the Bible When the prayer meeting be

dry and formal. When class leaders and deacons stay at home from church to read the Sun day newspapers.

When there are people in the churc who are not sure whether they have ever been converted. When the only way by which money

an be raised as by going into the feed effect of limiting the operation of the When it almost splits the

hint at raising the pastor's salary. When the leading members take the back seat at prayer meeting. When dry speeches and bass drugg

and testimony. When parents are not concerned about the spiritual condition of their

The Salvation Army. [Harper's Weekly.]
The oddest, sincerest, intensest re ligious enterprise of the present day is the Salvation Army. The key to it is recent investigations the Commissioner mind that to go through the Cave of its purpose -just to save men; nothing modified his rule so as to not allow, unelse. It does not want to do anything til after a complete examination, intermore and attempts nothing else-no schools, no education, no religions training, nothing but to get men into which merely had been fixed at a rate you are, abundantly, and start back the kingdom of God. It will get them higher than that authorized by law. along the parrow bridge. Once more in any way it can. It has no dignity to you battle with the cataract, this time save, no conventionalities to consider. frands in the pension rolls should not

It is an army in name, and in reality Supper is recommended to those who

feel that it would help their faith, but special reference to their distribution, leading down to the very bottom of one November day when the wind it is not essential to membership in the will show that in almost every line the cliff over which the cataract breaks; blew against the fall. The experience Army or to salvation. So the Salvation Army knows no formal church. Its members may or may not be members of the churches but its theory is that the Army takes the place of the Church. Where the rest of us say Church it says Army. It and be took for his text: "The Feeding asks no converts to join the Ohurch, of the Multitude." only to join the Army. Joining the He said: "And they fed ten people Army does not save any one; he must be saved first, and then he is asked to join the Army and engage in the work of saving other people. Salvation is its only purpose, and an army its form of self," which the priest overheard. organization, because that is the most effective to save people.

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Pension Reform. The Secretary of the Interior has th

supervision of so many important sub-

supervision of so many important subjects that his report is of especial value and interest. On the 30th day of June, 1833, there were on the pension rolls 963,012 names, an increase of 89,944 over the number on the rolls June 30, 1842. Of these there were sevent teen widows and daughters of Revolutionary soldiers, three survivors of lutionary soldiers, three survivors of the war of 1812, 5,425 widows of soldiers of that war, 21,518 survivors and widows of the Mexican war, 3,882 survivors and widows of Indian wars, 284 army nurses and 475,645 survivors and widows of Indian wars, 284 army nurses and children of deceased soldiers ows and children of deceased soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion.

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the year was 123,634 and the number dropped was 33,600. The first payments on pensions allowed during the year amounted to \$33,756,549. This includes arrears or the accumulation between the time from which the allowance of pension dates and the time of actually granting the certificates.

Although the law of 189) permits penions for disability not related to military service, vet as a requisite to its benefits a disability must exist incapews to see who is in them before he pacitating applicants "from the performance of manual labor to such a degree as to render them anable to eaco a support." The execution of this law in its early stages does not seem to have been in accord with its true intention, but toward the close of the last Administration an authoritative

construction was given to the statute. and since that time this construction has been followed. This has had the law to its intended purpose. The discovery having been made that many names had been put upon

the pension roll by means of wholesale and gigantic frauds, the Commissioner suspended payments upon a number of exhortations take the place of praise pensions which seemed to be fraudulent or unauthorized, pending a complete examination, giving notice to the pensioners in order that they might have an opportunity to establish, if possible, the justice of their claims, notwithstanding apparent invalidity. This. I understand, is the practice which has for a long time prevailed in the Pension Bureau; but after entering upon the besides the regular commissions, and ference with the payment of a pension apparently not altogether void, but

I am unable to understand why Why care for a sneer when there is a be exposed and corrected with thoroughness and vigor Every name frandulently put upon these rolls is a become a bad citigen; every false oath a war, fought for the preservation of tablish appalling consultacies to accomplish pension frauds. By no means the least wrong done is to brave and deserving pensioners, who certainly ought not to be condemned to such a fate. Those who attempt, in the line of duty, to defend these wrongs should not be occused of enmity or indifference to the claims of honest veterans.

The sum expended on account of pensions for the year ending June 30, 1893, was \$156,749,467.14. The Commissioner estimates that \$165,000,000 will be required to pay pensions during the year ending June 30, 1894.

In a certain church in Ireland a young priest was detailed to preach,

with 10,000 loaves of bread and 10,000 An old Irishman said: "That's no miracle; begorrs, I could do that my-

The next Sunday the priest announce ed the same text, but he had it right this time. He said: "And they fed 10,-000 people on ten loaves of bread and

He waited a second, and then lesned over the pulpit and said: "And e mld you do that, Mr. Murphy?"

Murphy replied, "And sure, your reverence, I could." "And how could you do it?" said the

"And sure, your reverence, I could

do it with what was left over from last

There will be no pulling down of the The latter number represents those adventiat who prophesied that the end

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